

# Glendowie School 2023 Strategic Priorities

Our Annual Plan

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# Curriculum

***Goal: To review and improve teaching practice in mathematics learning across the school.***

It has been a while since the school has focused on mathematics learning and some of the practice has declined in recent years. It is important that there is a shared understanding of what good mathematics practice looks like and that the school has the correct support structures in place to support teachers.

***Goal: To fully integrate the Aotearoa / New Zealand Histories Curriculum into PYP units across the school.***

It is an expectation that all schools incorporate the new Aotearoa/New Zealand Histories Curriculum. We are well placed to respond to this expectation as we already have an outstanding framework in place in the PYP. The challenge moving forward will be to find key contact points in existing units where elements of A/NZ Histories Curriculum can be incorporated.

***Goal: Explore the possibility of establishing the MYP Curriculum in Year 7 and 8.***

Running the MYP Curriculum offers exciting opportunities for student learning and effective transition to college, given that our local college has the MYP Curriculum already in place.

***Goal: Review assessment and reporting procedures to ensure they provide quality feedback to teachers for learning as well as informing the wider community to ensure appropriate monitoring and evaluation.***

Student assessment provides information for several purposes, including supporting student learning, informing parents of progress and professional accountability. Ensuring there are robust processes at all these levels is vital.

# Property and Finance

***Goal: To improve the school site by undertaking key maintenance and upgrade projects.***

Some areas of the school are looking a little tired. Our high quality property team require the funding to ensure that some of these projects can be completed.

***Goal: To complete the tech block development.***

The main project on the school's 5YA is to complete the renovation of the 'ugly sisters' to transform it into a tech block.

# Personnel

***Goal: To develop the capacity of key leaders in the school through collaboration and exposure to quality professional development experiences.***

Our management team needs to see quality examples of the the IB Curriculum in action. It is desirable that we participate in some school to school collaboration that allows our leaders to grow their understanding of the IB. It would also be good to have some team building time among the management team.

# Guidance and Learning Support

***Goal: Explore the option of having a counsellor operating in the school.***

A professional that can provide quality therapeutic interventions for students with social and emotional issues would support learning student well-being. The Ministry have suggested that there maybe funding on its way to support counselling in primary schools.

***Goal: Transition learning support workload from the DP to new learning support coordinator.***

Currently one DP carries a huge amount of the workload in learning support and this should be transitioned to the new LSC. The oversight for learning support will remain with the DP.

# Extra Curricular

***Goal: To send student athletes to AIMS games.***

AIMs is a high profile event on the calendar of many intermediate schools. Giving our intermediate students the chance to participate in this huge event will provide an opportunity that our students have historically missed out on.

***Goal: To establish a 'Week Without Walls' programme in Year 8.***

Week Without Walls is a concept where students opt into an activity that they do with a small group for 5 days. These could include school based projects or residential experiences.

# International Students

***Goal: To boost numbers of international students to 20 FTE for the 2023 year.***

Currently there is indications that Japan and Korea are the markets most interested in sending students to New Zealand. With China set to continue their tight border policy we should continue to focus our efforts in Japan and Korea until China opens up to international travel.



# Strategic Plan Development

***Goal: Develop a robust strategic plan that will take the school through until the end of 2027 (Glendowie School's 75th Anniversary).***

# 2023 School Targets

## **TARGET 1:**

*To review and improve teaching practice in mathematics learning across the school, so that there is an observable shift in achievement levels, particularly among students who are operating below their expected level of achievement.*

## **TARGET 2:**

*To integrate the Aotearoa / New Zealand Histories Curriculum into PYP units across the school, so that our sequence of learning reflects the new curriculum demands.*

## **TARGET 3:**

*To maintain continuous improvement of academic achievement in reading and writing.*